



CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY INCIDENT ALERT

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DESCRIPTION OF EVENT

Near Miss - Dropped Object

While dismantling a scaffold, workers were lowering a 2m scaffold plank that was attached to a rope with a hook.

While being lowered, the scaffold deck dislodged from the hook (which was damaged and did not close properly) falling, hitting some stairs and dropping approximately 36 feet.

When the deck released from the hook it deflected off a number of things on the way down and ended up approximately 10 feet outside the control zone.

*Ask yourself
“Could this happen here?”*



SUGGESTED ACTIONS

- Inspect all lifting/tethering equipment prior to use and ensure that it is in proper working order.
- Review barricades and signage procedures to ensure that when lowering/lifting materials, no workers are within the control zone.
- Ensure control zones are adequately evaluated and are large enough to consider deflection of dropped objects.
- Review lifting procedures to ensure inspection of equipment is included. Confirm a process to ensure equipment failing an inspection is tagged and removed from service.

KEY TAKE AWAY

Ensure all materials and equipment that will be used to perform a lift is inspected prior to use.

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